

Territorial Topics

Patron's Day at Deming.—Last Friday was patron's day at the Deming school and the interest which the people take in the schools was exhibited in the number who attended the entertainment given in the afternoon. A very nice program was rendered and the exhibit of school work which is to go to the St. Louis exposition was viewed by the visitors before being boxed up for shipment.

Forest Reserve Matters.—Superintendent R. C. McClure has received authority from the department to increase the ranger force from six to eight men, and Aaron Clark and J. W. Gresham have been appointed and will report upon their duties during the present week. On May 1 the force will be increased to thirteen men and will so remain during the summer months. R. E. Wright, recently transferred from the Lincoln county reserve to the Gila river reserve, has resigned his position.

A Little Girl Dangerously Ill.—Little Helen Wyman, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Wyman, is now lying dangerously ill with a complication of troubles that are proving difficult to overcome, says the Deming Headlight. Poor little Helen Wyman is a bright, lively little girl and the favorite of all who know her and the thought of her suffering day and night can't but sadden the hearts of all. God grant that the dear little child may soon be well again in the arms of her family.

Deming's Sick.—A number of Deming citizens have within the past week been stricken with various ailments and that quite seriously. Those who have been laid up with rheumatism for several days past, and confined to their beds, being unable to move or help themselves to any extent. Last Tuesday night Walter H. Gunder, treasurer and collector of Luna county, was taken very sick with what threatens to develop into pneumonia. Mr. Gunder, while a very sick man, is slowly gaining and it is believed by his physician will recover in time.

Chico Springs Sanatorium.—A Colfax county institution that is making an enviable reputation for itself both at home and abroad is the Chico Springs sanatorium, of which H. B. Masten is medical superintendent, says the Hater Reporter. The location seems to be an especially favored one in the way of natural advantages, and the facilities for treatment and entertainment of patients are equal to those of many larger institutions.

In addition to the main building, which is built almost entirely of brown sandstone and large enough to accommodate about twenty patients, a number of casita or tent cottages are being erected this spring for patients who wish to enjoy the advantages and escape the discomforts of the ordinary tent.

DEMING'S FIRE

SUNDAY NIGHT'S BLAZE TOOK BIRTRONG'S SALOON AND OTHER BUILDINGS ON SILVER AVENUE.

Last Sunday evening at about 11 o'clock the fire alarm was given and our citizens warned that the fire had been again at work in our city, says the Deming Graphic. This time it was the saloon of T. B. Hirtong which was burning and the fire had made such progress before being discovered that the people in the building barely escaped with their lives, some even leaving their hats and shoes in their haste to get out before the roof should fall in. The fire spread to the residence property of Mr. A. M. Little just north of the saloon, and that also was destroyed with most of its contents, but its farther spread was checked by the fire department who did good work with the new fire engine, which did duty that night for the first time.

The buildings belonged to Mr. Little and he was the heaviest loser, estimating his loss at about \$5,000. Mr. Hirtong also lost his entire stock of liquors and furniture of the saloon and lodging house, while the Chinese man who had a restaurant in the same building lost everything including \$300 in money which he lost on the table while trying to save other things.

This, like other fires in the town, proves the great danger in the practice of throwing out paper and other inflammable material to blow about the street and lodge against bushes, fences and other objects where a spark may reach it and in a moment the fire will be beyond control. This practice should be done away with, and there should be a watchman provided to patrol the town on windy days and see that there is no fire where it would be in any danger of reaching buildings as such a precaution might save a large part of the town at some time.

Chinese to be Deported.—Last week two more Chinese were tried before United States Commissioner D. Y. McKays for being in this country illegally and were ordered deported. A man came to Mr. McKays on Monday from P. S. P., of Columbus, stating that two Chinese had passed that place going toward Deming. Chinese Inspector J. J. Bonner was notified at once and started out to intercept them, which he succeeded in doing on Tuesday morning and brought them in that day from George Watkins ranch south of town where they stopped to ask for food. The trial was held on Saturday and they offered no evidence as to their right to be in the

United States, they will return to the country at the expense of their own government.

We have great respect for the citizenship of the Chinese race and for the superior civilization of the United States over any other country in the world, but it does look to us that in the case of the Chinese exclusion act, the Chinese Chinese has all the best on us. All the thrifty gentlemen who have made a stake in Mexico have to do when he gets ready to pay a visit to his native land, he to send his money home and deliberately walk across the line into the United States where he will be taken in charge of by one of our officers and after having a trial is sent to China, and Uncle Sam has to pay the freight.

MEXICAN BARBER STABBED

A special dispatch from Clayton, N. M., to the Denver News, says: John Campbell, a Mexican barber who has been working at the El Comodo hotel barber shop, was stabbed today by Trinidad Trujillo, from Canon de Las Vegas. The doctors say Campbell cannot live. He is wounded under the heart and in the back, into the left kidney. Campbell was formerly from Las Vegas, N. M., and his brother is jailer at that place.

Corner Stone of New Methodist Church at Silver City.—The cornerstone to the new Methodist church will be laid next Monday afternoon, April 18, says the Silver City Independent. The Grand Masonic order will have charge of the exercises and an address will be delivered by Rev. A. P. Morrison, D. D., on behalf of the New Mexican English mission and the church in general. Hon. H. C. McClure on behalf of the board of trustees and Judge C. Bennett for the Masonic fraternity. In the vault in the corner stone will be placed many documents of historical interest, such as a history of Asbury church from its organization to the present time, prepared by John M. Ginn, the names of the church members, etc. Music will be rendered under the direction of C. H. Hickman, chorister. After the exercises supper will be served in the Pickett building by the Epworth league at 50 cents. The time for the exercises will be 7 o'clock. Everyone should attend and enjoy them.

SANTA FE NOTES

Miss Grace Kennedy is seriously ill at her home at Miss McQuarrie's on Upper Palace avenue, with an attack of peritonitis.

W. J. Slaughter, who has been appointed janitor of the New Mexico building at the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis, expects to leave in a few days for the Mount City to assume the duties of the place.

Mrs. Hubbard of Boston, Massachusetts, is expected to arrive in the city to spend the summer with her daughter, Miss Anna L. Hubbard, who is a sojourner at the Summit Tent City and has spent the winter here.

An epidemic of diphtheria is reported to be raging at Pena Blanca and two deaths have occurred thus far. There have been a number of cases at San Ildefonso, but they are now on the decrease.

Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Chamberlain and Miss Bora Sanford of Topeka arrived in the city and will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Sanford for ten days, after which Dr. and Mrs. Chamberlain will continue their journey to California and Miss Sanford will visit other parts of the territory. The doctor is a cousin of Mr. Sanford and Miss Sanford is his sister.

Superintendent Clinton J. Grandall returned from a trip to the Pueblos of Tesuque and Nampe. He reports that the Nampe and Tesuque rivers are dry, and as there is no snow in the mountains where these streams have their source, the prospects for water for irrigation purposes during the coming season are very poor. There is plenty of water, however, in the Rio Grande around Santa Clara and San Ildefonso. Fruit trees in the Rio Grande valley are in full bloom.

PROSECUTION IS BEING MADE.

MURDER OF BRUCE JONES FOR TRIAL IS IN PROGRESS AT LAS VEGAS.

The Bruce Jones murder trial is progressing at Las Vegas and considerable evidence has been heard. Jones killed Ernest Howell in Hillburn's saloon, near Alamogordo, on May 8 last and the case was brought to Las Vegas for trial on a charge of venue.

A jury was not secured in the case till noon Wednesday, and the afternoon was occupied with the taking of evidence for the prosecution.

Dr. J. E. Gilbert was the first witness Wednesday. Dr. Gilbert was called by the court to make an examination of the body of Ernest Howell, whom Jones killed at Alamogordo. He says he found a bullet wound passing in at the back of the chest, at the left of the spine, passing through the eighth rib, cutting two-thirds of the rib in two, and thence upward, outward and forward and through the lower and back portion of the left lung, cutting the lower half of the second rib behind the central cartilage, causing death.

James H. Howell, brother of the deceased, was the second witness. He was called to give a description of his brother and to prove corpus delicti.

That he was called to Hillburn's saloon on the morning of the 8th of May, between 5 and 6 o'clock, and found Ernest Howell, the deceased, lying on his stomach on the ground outside the saloon. He said he found a bullet wound in the back of the head and the ground near by the dead man's head man's clothes and gun were found in evidence.

Court adjourned at 3:30 to attend the funeral of Fred T. Wright, a guest of the prosecuting attorney, J. E. Gilbert, who died the previous night, rather suddenly, having had a hemorrhage of the lungs.

A night session was held Wednesday night, commencing at 8 o'clock. Dr. Howell was called for information as to the wound and cause of death. Law Bailey and Campbell were each put on the stand. They testified that they had been with the deceased on the night of May 7; that they had left Hillburn's saloon and had carried to drive to town; that the deceased had got out of the wagon to go down, stating that he did not feel well. As he would not come with them, they let him stay and sleep off what he had drunk, first searching him for valuables so he would not be robbed if found. The object of their testimony was to prove that he was unarmed when he returned to the saloon.

Other witnesses for the prosecution are being heard.

OFFICIAL MATTERS

Notaries Public Appointed. Governor Otero appointed the following notaries public: Octaviano J. Jones of Alamogordo for Otero county, and Charles E. Knight of Sanchez for San Miguel county.

Territorial Funds Received. Territorial Treasurer J. H. Vaughn received the following public funds: From W. G. Clark, treasurer and ex-officio collector of San Juan county, \$133.92 taxes for 1902. From Donald Stewart, treasurer and ex-officio collector of Quay county, \$554 taxes for 1902 and \$24.98 for taxes for 1903.

Townships in Valencia County Temporarily Withdrawn From Entry. Register M. A. Otero and Receiver Fred Miller received the following telegram: "From Washington, D. C., April 12, 1904, to the register and receiver, Santa Fe, N. M.: Department directs temporary withdrawal from entry and settlement of townships 8, 9 and 10 north, ranges 4, 5 and 6 west, and townships 8, 9 and 10 north, range 7 west. (Signed) W. A. Richards, commissioner." These townships are situated in Western Valencia county and along the line of the Santa Fe Pacific railway and in the vicinity of the towns of Cuervo and Laguna.

FLAGSTAFF.

From the Sun, Flagstaff, Arizona, April 12, 1904: R. E. Conroy and Charles J. Hahner have gone to Cave Creek to look after their brands of sheep in that locality.

Mrs. Hugh E. Campbell and children returned home this week from Los Angeles, where they have been spending the winter.

A. H. Bradley came up from the lower country Saturday, and says the heady land of sheep is now on the way to the mountain range, and will be the first to return to the forest reserve.

Jack Arnold is a successful hunter of the smaller animals that trouble the rancher. Monday he brought in eighteen coyote skins, five wolf hides and eight wild cat skins, which he turned over to the board of supervisors and received the bounty.

Mrs. E. Wilson, who has been suffering for more than two months with typhoid fever followed by congestion of the brain, is now slowly recovering but is not able to sit up yet. Her adopted son hurt his ankle a few days ago, resulting in blood poisoning, which has caused him a great deal of suffering. The surgeon has lanced it several times, but it is still badly swollen.

From the Sun, Flagstaff, Arizona, April 12, 1904: Frank Payne, formerly of Indian Territory, is now in charge of the bar at the Weatherford hotel.

Jack Butler, who has been acting as guide at the Grand Canyon, has been visiting here this week.

Flagstaff cast more votes at her municipal election than any town in the southwest between Albuquerque and Los Angeles. T. E. Pulliam, an old time resident of this place, returned Sunday. He will make his future home, but his family, who are in Los Angeles, will not return here until fall.

Work on the addition to Hubbert's mercantile building is progressing fast. When completed it will not only contain more floor space than any building in Arizona, but will surpass in dimensions and building work of Kansas City.

BOY MEETS HORRIBLE DEATH

THROWN AND DRAGGED FOR OVER A QUARTER OF A MILE BY BRONCHO HE WAS RIDING.

On the road between Parkview and the Picurilla Apache Indian reservation on Friday, April 8, last, Francis W. Baskins, a boy fourteen years old, met a most horrible death when riding a broncho. He was thrown, his foot caught in the stirrup and he was dragged by the frantic horse for about a quarter of a mile when he was released. His body was so badly mangled that the funeral took place at Parkview last Saturday.

After Day Observed. Columbus, O., April 15.—In response to the proclamation of Governor Hecker, Thursday day was generally observed throughout Ohio today by transplanting and special exercises under the auspices of the public schools and colleges.

ALKALI BILL'S PET.

A CUB MOUNTAIN LION SENT TO SENATOR FORAKER FROM LORDSBURG CREATES SENSATION IN CINCINNATI.

Hart Burke, of Lordsburg captured a cub mountain lion in the Hurro mountains. The cub was taken to the Burke ranch, where it was nourished to a strong animal of six months' growth. One day last week Marshal C. M. Foraker if the lion wouldn't be a nice present to Senator Foraker of Ohio, and receiving a reply in the affirmative, boxed it up and sent it by express, addressed to "Foraker, Cincinnati." That was all. It arrived safely at its destination, and is what the Cincinnati Times-Star says about it.

The business placidity of the Traction building was very violently disturbed on Tuesday by the presence of a mountain lion. The fact that the cub was less than six months old and did not detract from the fact that it managed to create nothing short of a sensation. Secretary Walter Draper of the Zoo was notified by letter some time ago that C. M. Foraker was not at Albuquerque, N. M., a brother of Senator Foraker, was anxious to present to the Zoo one of the species so well known and so distinctly liked in that country. The lion arrived here Tuesday morning. Mr. Foraker evidently wishing to carry out a last purpose, simply addressed the lion to Foraker, Cincinnati. Then followed on the outside of the box this inscription:

"If you want any more wild animals we will send you all you want in a short time. Also if you want the box the lion is in, we will send it by the next train."

The lion arrived in due time Tuesday morning and the express people, not knowing what to do with it, sent it at once to the Traction building. Alkali Hills lion is not a thing of strength or brawn. On the contrary, it was an exceedingly frail creature for such a ferocious looking little beast. The expressman, with thoughts that he knew to himself, first took it to the office of Mr. J. H. Foraker, on the fifth floor. The animal, that arises from an incarcerated mountain lion after a trip from New Mexico is not a star rose. Every clerk and stenographer in Mr. Foraker's office to a man and woman denied the possibility of the lion's destination there. The expressman, in dire distress, then took the lion up to the fourth floor door to Mr. J. H. Foraker's office. There, also, the mid-cooking and much disconcerted heart was denied admission. By the time, however, the patience of the expressman had wilted and he dropped the lion with more force than gentleness in the hall. A few people came and looked at the little brute with much interest, and one or two of them observed that two of the most lions on one side of the box were loose and likely to fall apart. These persons took an express elevator to the lower floor. Others, more daring, with the hardihood to withstand strong scents, crowded around the box and made much comment. About the noon hour the animal had become a thing of large notoriety all through the building. Girl stenographers and typewriters, not only employed there, but in the Union Trust and other office buildings round about, came over after the luncheon hour to view what they were at first disposed to describe as a

"Very Cute Little Beast."

It was but a few moments before 1 o'clock, however, when Mr. Mountain Lion lost all of his attraction for everybody on the fourth floor of the Traction building. Somebody in addition to the expressman had forgotten that mountain lions sometimes feed, and also to drink. Mr. Mountain Lion, realizing that he had been left to starve, and finding the lions alone, decided to explore the top floor of the skyscraper. The feline of one official in the building accounts for the fact that business still continues there on Tuesday. The lion was about half way out, and the typewriters, forgetting all about the elevators, were hurrying down the steps in a stampede, when the watchman pushed the lion back in the box and nailed it in securely. The fact that some of the firm on the top floor of the building are without typewriters for a time can be readily understood. The escape of a mountain lion is not a pleasant, and no word of health would knowingly stand for the scent that now permeates that corridor. Mr. Draper, in much trepidation, having had the two Messrs. Foraker down the lion, appeared to the express company to send the beast to the Zoo. This suggestion was treated with contempt, and at last reports Mr. Draper was vainly searching for an expressman who has the daring to take a large, half-grown mountain lion out to the Zoo in something that is not quite so strong as a strawberry crate.

NEW MEXICO POSTOFFICES

IT HAS MORE THAN THE STATES OF UTAH, WYOMING, DELAWARE OR RHODE ISLAND.

There were 336 postoffices in New Mexico on March 15, 1904. On June 30, 1903, there were 337, the year preceding 372; in 1901 there were 329, the year before that 322, in 1899, 312; in 1898, 310, and in 1897, 304. There are 130 money order offices in the territory at present. There are five second class offices with rank at following: Albuquerque, Las Vegas, Santa Fe, Roswell and Raton. This rank will not be disturbed by the rating which will be given these offices on March 21, of this year except that Roswell will pass Santa Fe, Alamogordo will be advanced from the third to the second class. The third class offices of the territory at present rank as follows: Alamogordo, Silver City, Carlsbad, Deming, Gallup, Las Cruces, Clayton, Portales, Tucuman, Socorro and Springer. During the last three months twelve new postoffices have been established in New Mexico, one re-established, Escondido, Socorro county, and ten abolished while one, Escondido county, had its name changed to Valley. The new postoffices established are: San Juan county, Pendleton and Crystal; Roosevelt county, Arco and Lanigan; Otero county, Avis; San Miguel county, Corazon; Bandolero county, Harlan; Lincoln county, Alamo; Quay county, Moore; Valencia county, Progreso; Taos county, Talpa. The postoffices discontinued are: San Miguel county, Cahua, Gailton, Hot Springs and Jandia; Luna county, Cybar; Bernalillo county, Escobedo; Grant county, Georgetown; Dona Ana, Mober; Valencia county, Valencia; Colfax county, Vanderlika. Socorro county leads with the number of postoffices, 28; Rio Arriba and San Miguel counties each have 25 postoffices and then come the other counties in the following order: Valencia 25; Lincoln 25; Grant each 19; Santa Fe 18; San Juan and Bernalillo each 16; Mora 15; Dona Ana 13; Madera, Leonard Wood and Bernalillo each 12; Otero 11; McKinley 10; Chaves, Eddy and Luna each 8; and Quay and Roosevelt each 7. The following states and territories have fewer postoffices: New Mexico, 336; Wyoming 329; Utah 320; Arizona 186; Rhode Island 137; Delaware 161; Alaska 108; Hawaii 92; Porto Rico 81.

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